

. (0136) Oak To Timberline Fire Safe Council: Community Wildfire Protection Plan Development

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is a blueprint for community collaboration and action, defining the portions of the community that are most vulnerable to wildfire and prioritizing projects within those areas which will help mitigate the danger of wildfire to the homes, neighborhoods and environments within that community. The collaboration includes local groups such as Fire Safe Councils as well as local, state and federal fire agencies. In many cases, CWPPs are designed to cover an entire county. In other situations, particularly in counties that are large and/or with communities that are separated by large distances, these plans cover discrete areas.

The Oak To Timberline FSC's CWPP will address an area approximately 217,000 acres in size, and including the Sequoia National Forest, Giant Sequoia National Monument, and Kings Canyon National Park. It is within the Kings River Watershed and Kaweah River Watershed. This project will meet the needs of Proposition 84 directives in that it will prioritize fuel reduction and mitigation efforts for protection against wildfire while also taking into account the prevention of erosion, mudslides, flooding, and contamination of water resources. Good planning will help reduce the severity of a potential wildfire, which will not bake the soils and allow the root systems of vegetation to hold, thus reducing the disastrous effects of runoff.